

# CDBG PROGRAM

## DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### **PURPOSE**

The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) offers grants to Missouri communities to improve local facilities, address health and safety concerns, and develop a greater capacity for growth. This category provides assistance to improve the condition of a community's downtown area.

### **AUTHORIZATION**

The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-383), as amended.

### **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

State CDBG funds are only available to cities and counties in non-entitlement areas. A non-entitlement area is a city with population less than 50,000 and/or a county with population less than 200,000.

### **ELIGIBLE USE OF FUNDS**

Public infrastructure and improvements, that will significantly contribute to the revitalization or redevelopment of the downtown. These improvements may include, but are not limited to, water, sewer, electric, gas, sidewalks, curb cuts, street paving, parking, lighting, professional services and administration activities. Marketing costs are not eligible.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Communities interested in applying for grant assistance should complete a CDBG application. The application cycle is open year-round with no deadline date and is based upon availability of funds. Applications are rated on need, project impact, local effort, and past efforts. Applicants must score a minimum of 65 points out of 100 to gain a recommendation for award.

The application and guidelines are available on the Department of Economic Development website at [www.ecodev.state.mo.us/cd](http://www.ecodev.state.mo.us/cd).

### **FUNDING LIMITS**

The maximum amount any applicant can apply for is \$300,000.

### **SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Funding is based on several factors. These include, but are not limited to, developing and utilizing adopted design guidelines, maintaining an active downtown organization capable of providing a coordinated redevelopment strategy, and tailoring the public improvements to be a planned and incremental part of a comprehensive revitalization process. Public improvements must be part of a comprehensive redevelopment process such as the Main Street approach, which balances activities in four basic areas: organization, promotion, design, and economic restructuring. The rehabilitation of historic properties must conform to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.

The Downtown Revitalization Program requires \$1 of private investment committed for every \$1 of CDBG funds requested. Although there is no local match requirement, successful applicants often include local cash and in-kind to support the projects.

Downtown revitalization must benefit at least 51% LMI (low to moderate income benefit), or be slum and blight clearance.

## **CONTACT**

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## **OTHER SERVICES OF DED**

### **DED REGIONAL OFFICES**

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Kansas City (816) 889-2900  
Trenton (660) 359-5960  
Springfield (417) 888-4001  
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Dexter (573) 624-9950  
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Voice user calling a hearing/speech impaired user: (800) 735-2466.  
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### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

The Community Development Group offers over 10 different tax credit and grant programs to specifically meet the needs of not for profit organizations, community groups, and local government in areas such as infrastructure improvement, housing, violence prevention, and community facilities. For more information please call (573) 751-5981 or visit [www.ecodev.state.mo.us/ded/cd](http://www.ecodev.state.mo.us/ded/cd).